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**Florida House of Representatives Holds Moment of Silence
In Memory of Senator Larcenia Bullard**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Earlier today, the Florida House of Representatives held a moment of silence in memory of Florida Senator Larcenia Bullard.

House Democratic Leader Pro Tempore Mia Jones (D-Jacksonville) requested the moment of silence to recognize the life and public service of Senator Bullard, who served in the Florida House of Representatives from 1992 to 2000, and the Florida Senate from 2000 to 2008. She died on Saturday.

The following are the prepared remarks offered by Representative Jones on behalf of the Members of the House of Representatives.

“Thank you Mr. Speaker, Members and Visitors in the Gallery, I rise to request a moment of silence for Senator Larcenia Bullard.

Senator Larcenia Bullard transition on Saturday, March 16, 2012 in Allendale, S.C., the town in which she was born, while on vacation with her husband, former state Representative Edward Bullard.

Senator Larcenia Bullard created a political dynasty when she began her service in the Florida House of Representatives from 1992 to 2000 and in the Florida Senate from 2002 to 2012, when she was term-limited. Her husband, Ed, replaced her in the House and served from 2000 to 2008. Her son, Dwight Bullard then won the House seat, serving until 2012, when he was elected to the Florida Senate where he now serves.

Though she lived in Miami, Senator Larcenia Bullard represented a sprawling Senate district that started in the Keys and went all the way to Hendry and Palm Beach counties. She easily won her House races and prevailed in tough Senate primaries in 2002 and 2004.

Senator Bullard was always a friendly figure in the Capitol, smiling and having a good word for people she saw in the hallways. When she spoke to you she made sure you knew you were important to her.

She was a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and wore that red and white with pride and distinction. Today the members Democratic Caucus are each adorned with red ribbons in honor of Senator Larcenia Bullard. In 1992 she and her sorority sister Rep. Willie Dennis started Delta Days at the Capitol. God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call

her home during the year of their Centennial.

I can only imagine that over the span of her life, one of the greatest joys was sharing in her son most recent victory to become her successor and to share in his Opening day of session.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband Ed Bullard, three children: Vincent Brooker, Edwina Simms and Senator Dwight Bullard and four beautiful Grandchildren: Vinicia, Myles, Mylicia and Gavin, Jr.

Please join me in a moment of silence to celebrate the life and service of Senator Larcenia Bullard.”

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